## HIS TELLING BLOWS.

Allegheny's School Superintendent Strikes at Manual Training

IN DEFENSE OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

An Original and Instructive Official Report. Published in Advance.

HOW PUBLIC OPINION PLAYS THE HOG

The forthcoming annual report of Superintendent John Morrow, of the Allegheny public schools, to the Board of Control, of that city, will be of more than ordinary interest and importance, as its compiler "strike from the shoulder" at what he deems to be an evil of exaggeration regarding the manual training mania that is having its run among many patrons and friends of the public schools. From advanced proofs of the instructive and forcible report THE DIS-PATCH is privileged to publish extracts, and they are appended:

After an experience of years in all grades of public schools, the writer ought to be pardoned for believing that he knows something of their merits and demerits, and for having some fixed notions as to the wisdom of the proposed changes. The thoughtful people of the country are putting forth their best efforts to settle, if possible, in a satisfactory manner, the grave questions growing out of the widespread dis-turbances between capital and labor, and all eyes seem to be turned to the public schools for the solution of this vexed problem. Most of the discussions I have read and heard on the subject assume two things, first, that the public schools throughout the country are measurably responsible for the ills complained of, and secondly, that a system of manual training in those schools would prove a panacea for all the distempers of the body politic.

WHO THE EIOTERS ARE. As to the first of these assumptions, it should only be necessary to call attention to the fact that about 90 per cent of those who incite riots and defy the authority of the country were never inside of a public school. Many of these people are indeed strangers to our laws, insti-tutions and language. The public schools, therefore, can in no sense be responsible for their conduct.

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In discussing the second statement, let us clearly understand what evils are to be eliminated from the public schools by the introduction of manual training. It is charged, first of all, that the public schools, and especially the high schools, are "over-educating" the people; that these institutions are "elevating the common people above their station in life." It is alleged, too, that the boys and girls who graduate from the high schools, consider themselves too good to work with their hands, that they regard labor as dishonorable and degrading—in short, that too much mental training is breeding idleness and discontent all over our fair land.

Through the courtesy of a member of the In-

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Through the courtesy of a member of the Industrial Commission of Pennsylvania, which met recently in Plitsburg, I was present, by invitation, to hear the discussions; and I regret that the plea for manual training in the public schools, made by both the Chairman and attorney of the commission on that occasion, was based largely on the assumed fact that the high schools lift the common people up out of their natural sphere, the sphere of manual labor, and create in them a desire to live without work, which brings discontent and general dissatisfaction with their condition in life.

AN INTELLIGENT PROTEST. My protest against this depreciation of the high schools was promptly met by the Chair-man, with the statement that only one in a hundred thought as I did. It is not pleasant to have such large odds against one, but it is certainly more desirable be even alone and right, than with the multitude and wrong. I right, than with the multitude and wrong. It know more about the schools of our own city than of those outside; and presuming that what is true of our schools is largely true of those in other places, I want to call attention to a few points that seem to have been overlooked by those who seek to establish manual training in the public schools for the purpose of correcting the permicious effects of so-called "over education." In the first place, less than 2 per cent of tion." In the first place, less than 2 per cent of the pupils who enter our public schools ever finish the course, and less than 1 per cent of the entire school population ever graduate from the High School. Now, suppose all that has been said against the High School to be true; suppose all the graduates of the public schools and high schools together are educated into worthlessness; at most it would only be one or and high schools together are educated into worthlessness; at most it would only be one or two out of every 100 of the school population, a mere drop in the bucket. I am as much in favor of manual training in the public schools as any one, but I don't want the friends of this measure to introduce it under false pretenses. I plead that room shall not be made for it by disparaging the very best class of young people in the community, the graduates of the High School.

School. I have watched with interest and pleasure the career of those who have gone through the ward schools and finished the course in our High School; and after diligent inquiry, I cannot find one who is not doing well. They are not afraid of work. Not one of them is leading a dissolute or trifling life; but all, so far as I have been able to learn, are engaged in some respectable employment. \* \* The very fact of their having struggled through the public schools, and up through the High School is sufficient evidence that they are not lary.

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It is freely but regretfully admitted, however, that there are hundreds of young men and young women everywhere who are leading trifling and useless lives; but they are not graduates of the High School by any means. Most of them were never able to get half way through the primary grades of the public schools. No, it is

NOT BECAUSE THEY ARE OVER-EDUCATED that they are snobs and hoodlums, not because they are educated out of their sphere or station in life, but because of their pernicious home training that they are too lazy and proud to

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Hand labor in the public schools and high school would be a grand thing for all classes of children, but it would help those most who are most disposed to help themselves. That it would inspire the boy or girl, however, with a love for work, who has been reared in disc-bedience, idleness, extravagance and frivolity, is a matter of very serious doubt; and this is the real question which confronts the projectors of manual training in the public schools.

Children who are taught industry, economy, morality and obedience to rightful authority at home will not need much manual training at school. The hordes, however, who get little or no schooling, and who are taught nothing good at home, are the people to whom the pseudo philanthropists and cheap orators of the country should devote their energies. The graduates of the high school in the mean time will be able to take care of themselves.

It is said, by those who claim to know, that "public opinion will, in the near future, demand the adoption of some system of industrial education for the public schools." What is public opinion? It I may venture a definition, I should say it is the sum of the opinions of a majority of the people in a given community. Let us then, if possible, see what public opinion on this subject is. From my position in the schools I have opportunities of hearing many of the criticisms upon them, a few of which I will here relate, and the following are a fair sample:

Mr. A., a representative merchant in our city, employs many cash girls, who have never gone third-way through the public schools. Because these children do not know how to spell the names of the different foreign and domestic goods in his store, and because they cannot tell him readily, using one of his own problems, "how much is two times and a half twelve and a half," be thinks there is something out of joint in our system of education.

Mr. B., who is foreman of an extensive system of machine shops, is of the opinion that the greatest defect in the public schools is their negica

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IN TWO SHORT WORDS.

Public opinion, viewed from a different standpoint, is selfish and unsafe. Many of those who favor a scheme of industrial train in the schools, do so under the belief that it

by every reasonable person that there are hun-dreds of young girls in our midst who go into stores as each girls and into factories of all kinds to do light work. These unfortunate children get very little education of any kind

children get very little education of any kind before entering upon such occupations. They leave home early and come back, tired, ata late hour in the evening, and are thus prevented from becoming familiar with their mothers' employment during the day. They learn the work of the store or shop, but go uninstructed in the art of making a happy home.

Time passes: they become women and wives, when the duties of the household, for the first time, confront them. In this new relation they are as helpless as children. Everything is to be learned; they do not know how to make the simplest garment—cannot patch a coat, cannot bake a loaf of bread, or make a cup of coffee fit to drink. They know nothing about economy or the thousand and one other things that conduce to prosperity through the journey of life. The esta hlishment, therefore, of schools where these neglected girls might learn economy, and be instructed in sewing, cooking and other domestic arts; and where boys might receive a course in manual training, as already indicated, would greatly ameliorate the condition of humanity. tion of humanity.

DREADFULLY DELUSIVE. Before concluding this topic, I must again briefly advert to the delusive and dangerous notion, that there is even a possibility of educating people out of their sphere or station in life. Men may discuss the condition of those whom they are pleased to call the "common people," but it is an almost unpardonable error to speak of them as if they were a social caste. From the very nature of our institutions we can have no such a thing as caste in this land of liberty. It does seem incredible, that in the nineteenth century, intelligent men can be found advocating the despotic customs which originated in conquest more than 4,000 years

found advocating the despotic customs which originated in conquest more than 4,000 years ago.

Who in this age of progress has the right to fix the condition in life, above which a man of woman may not rise? Who has the right to say that the boy who spends his early life in gathering, for the glue factory, the tainted scraps about a tanyard shall not have an education because there is danger of raising him above so lowly an employment? Who will say that the young man who chops cordwood and splits rails should be so stinted in his knowledge as to be fit only for that occupation? Must the boy who drives a mule in front of a canal boat be debarred of an education because the fossil philosophers of his time are afraid it will elevate him above his vocation?

No!a person's sphere is just what he makes it. Any other view of this matter is contravy to common sense, and is altogether out of harmony with the civilization of the age.

Let the friends, then, of industrial training advocate its introduction into the public schools, not as a remedy for the imaginary mischief of "educating people out of their sphere," but because it will help on the grand work already being done, and by quickening the creative, constructive and executive faculties of the children, will insure their success in any sphere which may await them in after life, \*\*\*

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ANDERSON—At the residence, 175 Arch street, Allegheny, Pa., Friday morning, Janury 25, 1889, MARY LOGAN, daughter of J. R. and Maggie M. Anderson, aged 2 years and 7 Will take 10:50 train West Penn Railroad

SATURDAY MORNING for Freeport. Funeral from depot at 12 M. BRADLEY-On Thursday, January 24, 1889, at 4 o'clock A. M., JOHN, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Bradley, aged 2 years 11 months 2

Funeral from the residence of his parents, McKee's Rocks, on SUNDAY, January 27, at 2 o'clock P. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. COOKE—On January 18, CHRISTINA, beloved wife of Samuel F. Cooke, of Rock Island, Ill., in the 69th year of her age.

DICKINSON—At his late residence, No. 278 Locust street, Allegheny, on Thursday, January 24, 1889, at 235 A. M., HENRY C. DICKINSON, aged 62 years. Funeral services SATURDAY, January 26, at 2 P. M. Interment private.

DUNN-On Thursday, January 24, 1889, at 10:40 P. M., MARY DUNN, nee Welsh, beloved wife of James Dunn, aged 41 years and 7 months. Funeral from the residence of her husband,

4827 Hatfield street, on SATURDAY, January 26, at 8:30 A. M. Friends of the family respectfully invited to attend. EISLEY—On Friday, January 25, 1889, MARTHA ANN, wife of John A. Efsley, aged 36 years. Funeral from her late residence, McClure

avenue, Allegheny, on SUNDAY at 12:30 P. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. EVANS—On Friday evening, January 25, 1889, at 8:05 o'clock, at his late residence, 306 Oakland avenue, John Evans.

Notice of funeral hereafter. Please omit flowers.

FICHTER-On Friday, January 25, 1889, at 2 A. M., PHALLIP FICHTER, aged 79 years and 9 months.

Funeral to take place on MONDAY, January 28, at 8:20 A. M., from his late residence, 81 Hamilton street, Troy Hill, Allegheny. Re-quiem mass at 9 o'clock at Holy Name of Jesus Church, Troy Hill. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Carriages will leave A. Pappert & Son's undertaking office, 32 North street, corner of Avery, Allegheny, at 7:30 A. M.

FINKELPEARL—On Friday, January 25, 1889, at 4 P. M., ABE, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Finkelpearl, aged 27 years.
Funeral from his late residence, corner of Pride and Locust streets, Pittsburg, on SUN-DAY at 1 P. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

GREEN—On Thursday morning, January 24, 1889, at 10:30 A. M., at her parents' residence, 195 Second avenue, CHARLOTTA, daughter of Walter and Emily Green, aged 10 years 11 Funeral from the residence on SUNDAY, January 27, at 2 P. M. Friends of the family

January 27, at 2 F. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. 2 [Los Angeles, Cal., papers please copy.] LARDNER—On Thursday, January 24, 1889, at 6 o'clock A. M., Mrs. WILLIAM LARDNER, aged 65 years. Funeral from her late residence, Sheridan station, P. C. & St. L. R. W., on SATURDAY, January 26, at 2 P. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

MERCER—At 1:15 A. M., January 24, 1889 LEONORA HAMILTON, oldes child of J. Carson, and Jennie Mercer, aged 14 years, 11 months and 28 days. and 25 days.

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O'DONNELL,—On Friday, January 25, 1889, at 2 A. M., Rose, wife of James P. O'Donnell, aged 23 years. Funeral from the residence of her father-inlaw, Forty-seventh street, below Hatfield street, on Sunday at 2:30 P. M. Friends of the family

are respectfully invited to attend. SHUGART—Tuesday, January 22 1889, at 5 A.M., CLYDE C., son of Conrad C. and Mar-garet S. Shugart, of Chicago, aged 3 years 3 months and 2 days.

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In the course of stock taking, just concluded, we have laid aside a great many goods in every department, which we have determined to close out to make room for new goods now arriving and crowding us—the cost not taken into consideration. All must go, at any sacrifice. Commencing Monday next you will find on our counters:

Remnants of Black and Colored Silks, up to 10 yard lengths, at "1/3 off."

Remnants of Dress Goods, up to 8 yard lengths, "½ off."
Remnants Cloth Suitings, up to 8 yard lengths, "½ off."
Remnants plain, fancy and brocade Velvets and Plushes, "½ off."
Remnants Table Linens and Crashes, odd lots Towels and Napkins, at one-half value.
Remnants Flannels, a few slightly soiled Blankets, "½ off."
Remnants Muslins, Ginghams, Tickings, Prints, Embroideries and Laces at prices to clear at once.
Remnants Carnets up to 25 yards at bargain prices

Odd lots and slightly soiled Underwear, Hosiery and Gloves, "1/2 off." Millinery Goods of every kind and Remnants of Ribbons, "1/4 off." Special—20 Imported Suit Patterns, braided and combinations, "1/2 off."

Remnants Carpets, up to 25 yards, at bargain prices. Odd lots Lace Curtains, up to three pairs of a pattern, "1/2 off." Jackets, Newmarkets, Jerseys, Seal Plush Garments and Furs of all kinds, "1/4 off." N. B.—The above will be cleared out at short notice. Look out for our next "ad." of New Goods Opening in every department. WRITE FOR SAMPLES. ORDERS WILL HAVE OUR PROMPT ATTENTION.

165, 167 and 169 FEDERAL STREET, ALLEGHENY, PA.